

MEMORIAL

OF THE

Inhabitants of Darlington,

IN THE

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

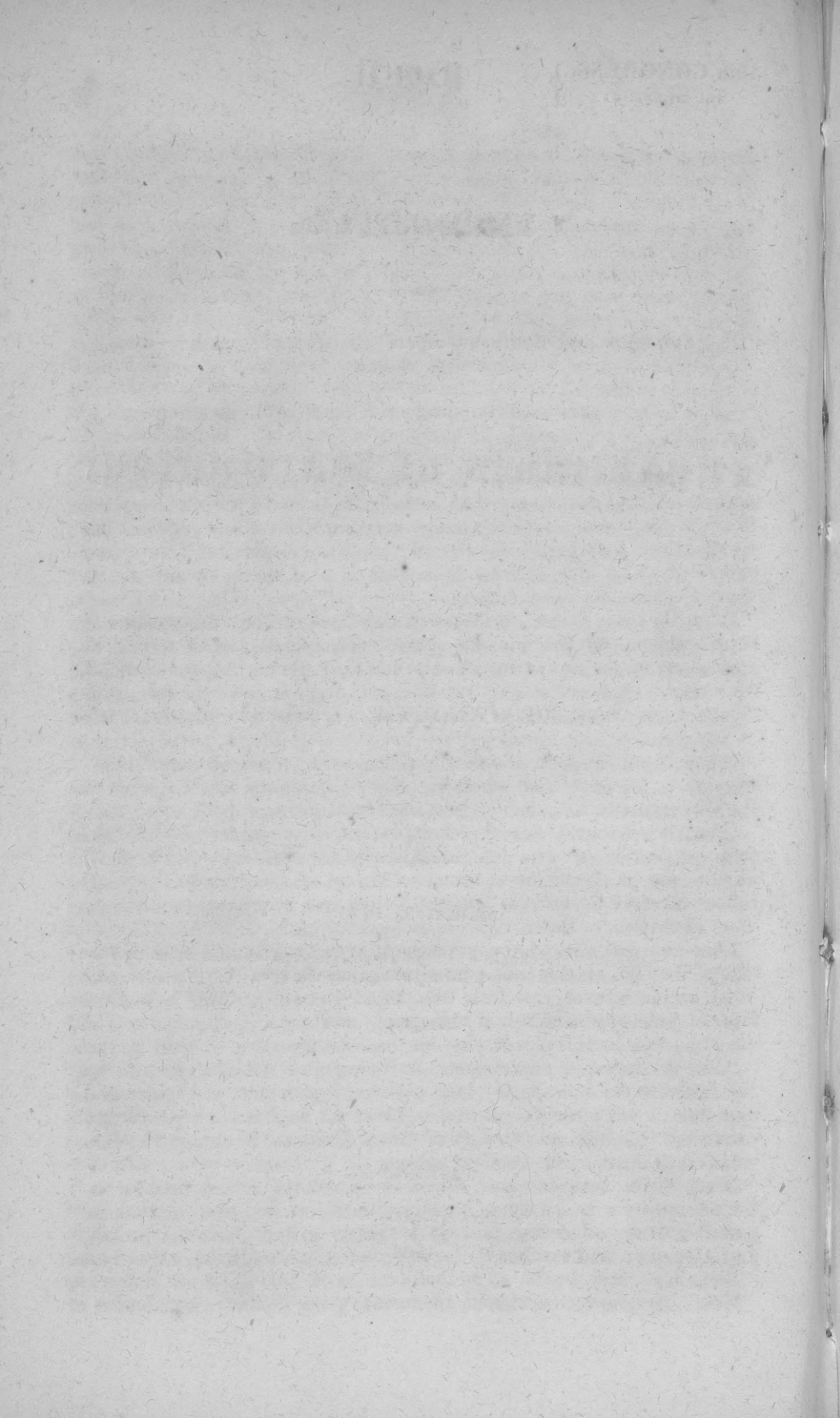
MARCH 3, 1824.

Read, and referred to the committee of the whole House, to which is committed the
bill to amend the several acts for imposing duties on imports.

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To the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives of the United States.

The memorial of the citizens of Darlington most

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH:

That they have seen, by a bill reported to the House of Representatives, that an attempt has been again made to induce Congress to adopt measures, under the name and character of a revision of the tariff, which they believe will be most ruinous to their interests; the extent of which they are unable to perceive, if there be any limit, short of its entire annihilation.

That they have seen, with great satisfaction, that the system of retrenchment, adopted by Congress, has, together with the fiscal operations of the Government, produced a revenue, adequate to all the current expenses of Government; and, with proper economy, to a discharge of the national debt, without a resort to an additional tax of any kind.

That, from this fact, the proposed measure cannot be one of revenue; and, for any other purpose, must be contrary to the genius of the Government, and the spirit of the Constitution.

That, we believe it is inexpedient to destroy, or materially change, that system which has so abundantly filled the treasury; which, of all others, is most agreeable to the people, and which, if impaired, will induce a resort to internal taxation, which has ever been, and still is, most obnoxious to them.

That the condition of the people of the U. States has been, since the adoption of the constitution, more prosperous and happy, than that of any other nation whatever. That this state of prosperity and happiness has not been produced by such measures as the one proposed, and, in all human probability, will continue better without, than with it.

That we believe its operation, on this part of the Union, and on the agriculturists in particular, will be, not only burthensome and oppressive, but entirely ruinous. That we fear it will, moreover, produce a re-action on the part of Great Britain, if not all Europe, which will bear on our interest alone.

That, being injurious and subversive of our rights, cannot be enforced, but by a resort to such means, as, we hope, are still as disagreeable to the administrators of the Government, as to the people; and, therefore, will weaken their confidence, and break down the great

moral rampart of the constitution, their affection, and attachment, under the influence of which, the laws have, heretofore, been as promptly obeyed at the extremities of this vast Empire, as at the seat of their origin, and its power.

That they have seen the sympathies and regard of Congress extended to Greece, to Africa, and to South America, and we being "bone of your bone, and flesh of your flesh," most earnestly intreat, and confidently hope, that we may be not less the subjects of your care and protection. Your memorialists, therefore, most humbly pray, that the proposed tariff may be rejected, and, as in duty bound, will ever pray.